



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

September 16, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

As I write this the planning for the Welcome Back Dinner is in full swing. The weather forecast looks promising and with all the hard work that Shauneen Donlon and Pam Balfanz have been putting in, it is sure to be a wonderful night. Thank you to both of them and to all the helpers they recruit. We had a fabulous turn out for our first LSPA meeting. Bridget and I are hopeful that attendance will remain high as we need your thoughts, opinions and questions on many issues going forward. Please note there is NO SCHOOL next Monday (just when you thought you had your kids in a groove!). It is a professional development day for the staff. We would also like to extend a huge round of applause to Jen Degnan and Chuck Pickelhaupt who have been continuously updating and improving our website. Every day something is new and improved. In fact, you may now make your donation to the Direct Appeal via PayPal on the Lincoln website (www.lincolnspace.org). Enjoy the first full week of school- our best, Bridget Stump and Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 16

School Picture Day

Welcome Back Dinner 5-7:30 pm

Monday, September 21

No School: Staff Professional Day

Thursday, October 1

Curriculum night

LSPA DIRECT APPEAL

We are off to a great start and have been very excited to see how many families have already contributed to the Direct Appeal. As you may know, the Direct Appeal is the LSPA's *only* fundraising campaign. Our goal is to raise at least \$28,000 to support the 2009/2010 budget. Some of the many programs funded by the LSPA include: The Library, Science Mania, Welcome Back Dinner, Field Day, Open Circle Training for Teachers, grade-specific field trips, speakers and activities. We hope to accomplish this year's goal with as much

enthusiasm as we have in the past. We ask all families to contribute to the direct appeal as generously as possible. All donations are tax deductible. The Direct Appeal fundraising efforts are overseen by the Ways and Means Committee. Thank you in advance for your support.

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To Contribute

Please complete the contribution form next to the box labeled "Direct Appeal" on the table across from the library on the 1st floor of the school. **Checks may be made payable to the Lincoln School Parents Association (LSPA).** Please note that the LSPA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a result contributions are tax deductible. We will forward receipts for tax purposes in January. In addition, many employers provide fund-matching contributions to tax-exempt organizations. If applicable, please obtain the forms from your employer's human resource department.

LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

Our library couldn't run successfully without the commitment of our parent volunteers. No experience is necessary! If you are interested in volunteering to help out in the library this year, please fill out the form sent home and return to the library by September 18. The commitment is for 2 shifts/month.

Please contact jtrevett@comcast.net or anitacola@yahoo.com with any questions.

Jen Trevett and Anita Colasante

Library Co-Chairs

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to cover the phones/front desk during lunch (noon – 1pm) and to tally the lunch total (9 – 10am) – every full school day. It is a great way to see the Lincoln School in action! The time commitment is typically one day per month. Please contact Paula Giancola (paulagiancola@comcast.net,

781.369.1447) for more information or to sign up to help. Thank you.

5TH GRADE PARENT MEETING

It's your child's last year at Lincoln School. Help make it a memorable one! Join 5th Grade Committee Chairs Lynn Phillips and Lori Scully, Thursday September 24th, 7:00pm, at the Phillips' house, 92 Lawson Road. You'll learn about all the exciting events happening for our 5th graders throughout the upcoming year. There's lots of fun ahead: Growing Up and Reaching Out, Babysitting, Pancake Breakfast, Ice Skating Party, Ice Cream Social, Yearbook, Pool Party, Moving On Ceremony and more. Don't miss the chance to help brainstorm, be together and join in the fun! Please let us know if you can make it (RSVP: lkphillips@comcast.net or 781-721-2981). If you can't make it, but would like to help, please contact Lori (wlsscully@comcast.net).

Hope to see you there!

Lynn & Lori

4TH AND 5TH GRADE CHORUS

If you are in the 4th or 5th grade and love to sing, please consider joining the Winchester Boys & Girls District-wide Elementary Chorus. This is an extra-curricular activity with regular rehearsals held on Thursdays at 3:15 to 4:00 in the music wing and auditorium of Winchester High School. The program is open to all 4th and 5th grade students in Winchester.

There is a \$35.00 materials fee for this program. Students will perform in at least two concerts per year. The first rehearsal of the 08-09 school year is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2008.

For additional information, enrollment forms, or any other concern, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to working with your children!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

2ND ANNUAL WINCHESTER YOUTH LACROSSE STREET LAX JAM!

Monday, September 21st at 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Winchester High School Gymnasium (it's a Professional Day - No School)

This is a free event open to ALL Winchester Boys in 5th grade through 8th grade regardless if they have played lacrosse or not. Don't miss out, as last year's event was a BLAST, with visits from Boston Canons players John Christmas and Sean Morris. The event will be limited to 80 participants (20 teams) on a first come first serve basis. There will not be any walk up registrations allowed.

Register your team of 4 players on our web site, www.winchesterlax.org (two of whom are WYL players and two who were NOT part of the program in 2009)! Shorts, t-shirts, sneakers and a water bottle are all you will need...we will provide the rest.

Mini lacrosse sticks ("Fiddlestix"), soft foam rubber balls and mini nets will all be provided. Please leave your regular lacrosse stick at home. Due to the non-contact format of play, helmets and gloves or other protective equipment will not be needed or worn.

Additional questions? Email Peter Olivier at pmolivier@verizon.net

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION AND MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Registration for the 2010 spring baseball/softball season is underway for all eligible players ages 6-15. Online registration is available at www.sybs.org/register/shtml

Tryouts for the 2010 SYBS Majors spring season will be held at Nutile Field on the weekend of September 19-20, 2009. Players who will reach age 10, 11, or 12 as of April 30, 2010 are eligible to tryout for the Majors. For additional information regarding the Majors program, please go to: www.sybs.org/faq.shtml

Players must be registered for the 2010 season prior to tryouts.

The format of the tryouts will include fielding and throwing sessions on Saturday, September 19 and hitting and running sessions on Sunday, September 20. Tryout times are organized by age group as follows:

Saturday, September 19th - players in the 10 year-old group (as of April 30, 2010) will tryout from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.; players in the 11 year-old group (as of 4/30/10) will tryout from 4:30 to 6 p.m.; and players in

the 12 year-old group (as of 4/30/10) will tryout from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 20th - 10 year-olds from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.; 11 year-olds from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.; and 12 year-olds from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

All returning Majors players must register by September 19th to retain their roster spots for the 2010 season

WINCHESTER YOUTH HOCKEY

Registration for Winchester Youth Hockey programs will open on-line on Monday, September 21 at

www.winchesteryouthhockey.com

Programs include Learn to Skate, Intro to Hockey, Learn to Play Hockey, In House Hockey for boys and girls ages 4-12. Please visit the web-site for more information.

TOPS SOCCER

Offered by the Winchester Soccer Club, this community-based program provides an opportunity for all children with disabilities to play soccer through rule and equipment adaptation. Athletes between the ages of 6 and 16 are invited to participate in a modified game of soccer once a week.

A volunteer group of "junior coaches" serve as one-on-one buddies with TOPS athletes.

Schedule: 1:30-2:30, Sunday afternoons at Lynch Front Field in Winchester (September 20th through November 1st (excluding Columbus Day Weekend).

If you are interested in Winchester's TOPS program as either an athlete or junior coach, please contact Jeff Calnan, TOPSoccer Director, at jfcalnan@yahoo.com. No prior soccer experience necessary.

WINCHESTER READS PRESENTS:

Harriet Tubman, Portrait of an American Hero on Monday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jenks Senior Center, 109 Skillings Road. Winchester historian Kate Clifford Larson will share her biography of Harriet Tubman *Bound for the Promised Land*. This important book is the result of Larson's doctoral dissertation on the life and memory of Tubman who is "one of the giants of American history, a fearless visionary who led scores of her fellow slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad and battled courageously behind enemy lines during the Civil War."

The program is one of several events planned in conjunction with this year's book, *Song Yet Sung* by James McBride. McBride will be speaking on October 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the McCall Middle School

auditorium. Mark your calendars also for ***Ellen Craft: Running 1,000 Miles to Freedom* on Tuesday, October 6, at 7:00pm at the Next Door Theater, 40 Cross Street.** Marcia Estabrook, founder of Characters Educational Theater, will portray escaping slave Ellen Craft, a light-skinned Georgia slave who dressed herself as a man and boarded a train for Savannah with her husband William, posed as her slave. Estabrook tells the true story of this couple and their remarkable journey and subsequent life.

MULTICULTURAL NETWORK

The International Connections group of the Multicultural Network invites international residents to come to the Farmer's Market on Winchester Common on **Saturday, October 3, between 9:30am and 1:30pm.**

Look for the table which the Network will be sharing with the Winchester Public Library. There you will meet members of International Connections, sign up for fall conversation groups, and get information about fall activities, such as the walk in the Fells and the International Pot Luck Supper. Conversation groups will be offered at different times during the week, and participants must register ahead. For more information on the conversation groups, call English At Large, 781-395-2374 or Liz Sayre, 781-729-9242.

A BETTER CHANCE (ABC)

RE: RAIN DATE FOR Winchester ABC Program Bottle Drive

The Winchester ABC Program will hold its next Bottle Drive on Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 8 AM to 3 PM in the parking lot behind the Sons of Italy Hall at the entrance to the transfer station. Your returnable bottles and cans would be appreciated.

As always, volunteers are needed the day of the drive to help sort the bottles and cans. If you have an hour or two and can help, please know that you are welcome. For more information, please call Brian Sergenian at 781-721-0242.

LINCLETTER SCHEDULE

The Lincletter is published weekly on Wednesdays with a deadline to submit news the prior Friday.

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9/18	9/23	Barton
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